

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PROJECTS WITH THE HELP OF WORLD BANK

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the projects being run with World Bank aid and other assistance in the country, State-wise particularly in Uttar Pradesh as on date;
- (b) the names of the States which have sent proposals to launch some more projects with the assistance of World Bank during the last three years and as on date;
- (c) the number of projects pending for approval by the Union Government, State-wise;
- (d) the reasons for delay thereof; and
- (e) the time by which these are likely to be cleared?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) The State-wise number of projects being run with World Bank aid and other assistance is furnished in Statement-I. Further details of the projects are available in the Ministry of Finance website: http://finmin.nic.in/the_ministry/dept_cco_aftairs/aids_accounts_audit/caaa/mainframe.html. The details of the projects being run with World Bank and other assistance in Uttar Pradesh as on date are furnished in the Statement II.

(b) and (c) Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, Orissa, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Karnataka, Punjab, Assam, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Bihar, Tamil Nadu and Uttaranchal have sent proposals to launch more projects with the assistance of World Bank. One project each from the State Governments of Jharkhand, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh and Uttaranchal is pending for approval of Ministry of Finance.

(d) and (e) Project proposals are routed through the Central Line Ministries to the Department of Economic Affairs after ensuring Plan priorities, Administrative clearances, including clearances from the Planning Commission. The debt sustainability of the concerned State and overall current lending program of the World Bank are also taken into consideration. There is no definite time frame within which proposals for external assistance can be cleared. Once the project is proposed to the External Agency it goes through the cycle of pre-appraisal, preparation of project concept document, appraisal, negotiation and final approval. This process takes at least a year or more, depending on how well the project is prepared and the overall commitments of the external agencies in terms of their resources.